Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-59. (Canceled).

60.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for annotating a document comprising:

a mobile apparatus;

data storage coupled to said mobile apparatus, said data storage configured to store a text document and a plurality of audio comments, each of said stored plurality of audio comments annotating said text document and being linked to said text document;

a document processing engine coupled to said mobile apparatus, said document processing engine configured to obtain an audio content conversion of said stored text document and at least a subset of said stored plurality of audio comments for playback as an audio source; and

an annotator coupled to said mobile apparatus;

said mobile apparatus comprising:

an audio playback interface configured to receive at least one command for controlling playback of said audio source from a user;

an audio input interface configured to obtain at least one new

audio comment from said user at a point in said playback specified by

said user,

said mobile apparatus being configured to identify a location in

said text document corresponding to said point in said playback specified

by said user,

said annotator being configured to cause said new audio comment to be

saved via said data storage as an annotation linked to [[a]] said identified

location in said text document corresponding to based on said point in said

playback specified by said user.

61.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said data

storage comprises removable media.

62.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 61, wherein said

removable media comprises flash memory.

63.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said audio

source comprises a streaming media file.

64.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus for annotating a document

comprising:

a mobile apparatus;

data storage coupled to said mobile apparatus, said data storage

configured to store a text document and a plurality of audio comments, each of

said stored plurality of audio comments annotating said text document and

being linked to said text document;

a document processing engine coupled to said mobile apparatus, said

document processing engine configured to obtain an audio content conversion of

said stored text document and at least a subset of said stored plurality of audio

comments for playback as an audio source; and

an annotator coupled to said mobile apparatus;

said mobile apparatus comprising:

an audio playback interface configured to receive at least one command

for controlling playback of said audio source from a user;

an audio input interface configured to obtain at least one new audio

comment from said user at a point in said playback specified by said user,

said annotator being configured to cause said new audio comment to be

saved via said data storage as an annotation linked to a location in said text

document based on said point in said playback specified by said user,

~~The apparatus of claim 60,~~ wherein each of said plurality of audio comments annotating said text document is stored via a file structure comprising an annotations names file, said annotations names file comprising an entry <u>for each user</u> ~~identifying users~~ annotating said text document, wherein for each user identified in said annotations names file said file structure further comprises an annotations index file and an annotations file, and wherein said annotations file comprises at least one entry for a comment annotating said text document by said identified user and said annotations index file relates a location in said text document to said comment by said identified user.

65.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein said annotations names file corresponding to said text document includes an entry identifying said <u>mobile apparatus</u> user.

66.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein another audio comment obtained from said user annotates one of said plurality of audio comments, said file structure further comprising an annotations names file associated with said annotated comment, wherein said annotated comment's annotations names file has an associated annotations index file and an associated annotations file, and wherein said associated annotations index file relates a location in said annotated comment to said other audio comment.

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67.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein said file

structure comprises a hierarchical tree structure which comprises:

a document file corresponding to said text document at a top level;

said annotations names file corresponding to said document file at a

second level below said top level;

said annotations index file and said annotations file corresponding to said

annotations names file at a third level below said second level,

wherein said third level is followed by some number of sub-levels, each

sub-level corresponding to a comment and comprising a top level comprising an

annotations names file identifying a name of at least one user annotating said

comment, and an annotations index file and an annotations file associated with

said comment-associated annotations names file.

68.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6̶0̶ 64, wherein each audio

comment of said plurality of audio comments has a corresponding name of a

user providing said audio comment, and said mobile apparatus user identifies

one or more commenting users whose comments said mobile apparatus user

wishes to be played back while t̶h̶e̶ said mobile apparatus user is experiencing

the audio source.

69.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said mobile

apparatus is a smart mobile apparatus comprising said data storage, document

processing engine and annotator.

70.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said mobile

apparatus is a telephone coupled to at least one computing device comprising

said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

71.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said mobile

apparatus is coupled to at least one computing device comprising some or all of

said data storage, document processing engine and annotator.

72.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 60 64, wherein said mobile

apparatus comprises one or more of said data storage, document processing

engine and annotator.

73.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein said smart

mobile apparatus is a smart telephone.

74.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein said smart

mobile apparatus is coupled to a computing device, and wherein said computing

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device comprising one or more of said data storage, document processing engine

and annotator.

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